Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) The Government think that they are justified in making the statement for the reasons given in the last portion of the answer to sub-division (d) of question No. 627.

(2) 11,511.73 acres.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What are the reasons, may I know, mentioned in the Government's answer?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is given in the answer itself.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I know it please, now?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have not got that question now with me.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it to be inferred that the Government are not prepared with the documents called for when discussing this proposition?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Necessary records are called for. Since the reasons are given there, Government never thought that the Hon'ble Member will ask for information on that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If the book is available, will you kindly refer to it.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I will.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In future will you be prepared with such books?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I will do it if it is necessary.

Legislation—Labour conditions.

3. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 451 regarding legislation regarding labour conditions, will the Government be pleased to state what they were doing all along?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The prospects of legislation regarding labour conditions in the State can be ascertained only after the Economic and Industrial Survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question was what the Government have been doing in such an important matter. I have not got the answer for it.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It can be ascertained only after the Economic and Industrial Survey is completed. Without facts it is not possible to draw any inference which will be satisfactory.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government intend to continue this system of 12 hours work till they get the report on the Economic and Industrial Survey?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is this question included in the terms of reference dictated to the Economic Survey Officer?

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Mr. K. Narasimha Pai—If it is not included, it will be included.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So, what reference has this Economic Survey to this question, if it is not included in it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The details regarding labour have been included.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that this has been included?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. The minimum wages, the hours they are working and the like are included.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are they given the wages printed there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—But the survey must be able to give much more detailed and reliable information.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not this information reliable?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It may be reliable to the extent it goes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So, we cannot depend upon it unless the work is completed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think so.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—This information which has already been submitted to this House—may I know whether that is reliable information?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether a department for the protection of labour was organised and whether through their activities such information could not have been collected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Protector of the Depressed Classes has not ordinarily very much to do with labour classes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there not a Labour Inspector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think he is also not very much concerned with this work.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is his work then?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think it is a supplementary question. If it is answered it may drag on to some other question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is there not an officer who is concerned with this aspect of the work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The only department that we have now is the one under the District Magistrate who looks after factory conditions.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there not a Labour Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is a department to look after the depressed classes.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there not a department to look after labour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the Protector of Depressed Classes looking after labour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think he is very much concerned with it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not the Labour Inspector doing anything connected with this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reasons?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has some other work to do.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What other kind of work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— He is more concerned with giving certain instructions to the depressed classes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why is he then called Labour Inspector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He might have been called by some other name as well.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it a misnomer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a misnomer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So there is no meaning in attaching names?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It also denotes the meaning.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is he not looking after the labour conditions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to order him to look after such matters also connected with labour hereafter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It will depend upon the work that he has to do. Suggestions will be taken notice of.

Electrification scheme.

4. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 466 of the last sitting regarding purposes of the new electrification scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the particulars of the State Enterprises in which they will utilise the power and whether the problem of transforming our agriculture into a machine industry can be augmented by the project;

(b) the particulars of model concerns in which they will apply the power;

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